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Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

Attached hereto is a Proprietary Information Disclosure Statement submitting proprietary information to the Patent and Trademark Office in accordance with the requirements of 37 C.F.R. §1.56 and MPEP §724. Applicant respectfully requests that the information be considered only by the Examiner in charge of the above-identified application, or other authorized Patent and Trademark Office employee.

Respectfully submitted,

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The following is a listing of co-pending U.S. patent applications, which relate(s)  
 to the above-identified application.

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09/815,515	March 23, 2001	09/815,845	March 23, 2001
09/815,559	March 23, 2001	09/815,864	March 23, 2001
09/815,580	March 23, 2001	09/815,893	March 23, 2001
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09/815,606	March 23, 2001	09/815,899	March 23, 2001
09/815,660	March 23, 2001	09/815,973	March 23, 2001
09/815,668	March 23, 2001	09/815,989	March 23, 2001
09/815,688	March 23, 2001	09/816,021	March 23, 2001
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09/815,725	March 23, 2001	09/816,048	March 23, 2001
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Applicant considers the aforementioned documents and the disclosure of their existence as pending applications to constitute proprietary information. This Information Disclosure Statement is not intended as an admission either that the listed applications constitute prior art against the claims of the present application or that the listed applications are material to patentability as defined in 37 C.F.R. §1.56(b).

Applicant assumes that the examiner will have access to all of the references cited in the applications. However, if the examiner wishes applicants to submit copies of the references cited in the listed applications, the examiner is encouraged to inform applicants.

Accompanying this Proprietary Information Disclosure Statement is a transmittal letter indicating that the materials contained herein are proprietary, as required by MPEP § 724.02.

**TIMING OF THE DISCLOSURE**

The instant Information Disclosure Statement is being filed in compliance with 37 CFR §1.97(B) prior to the mailing date of the first official action.

Applicant respectfully requests that the Examiner consider the foregoing information and provide in the next official communication the information set forth in MPEP § 724.04(a), particularly the information under item (3), so that the applicant can, if appropriate, subsequently file a petition to expunge those materials, as provided according to MPEP § 724.05.

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